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SUBJECT: GOE DOPLOMATIC DELEGATION VISITS GUATEMALA

1. FOUR-MAN EGYPTIAN DELEGATION MET WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD, FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA, AND LEADERS OF CONGRESS JULY 25. FONOFF SPOKESMAN SAID OBJECT OF VISIT WAS TO STRENGTHEN TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND LATIN AMERICA.

2. ON OCCASION OF EGYPTIAN VISIT, FONMIN ANNOUNCED THAT GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR GENERAL DOROTEO MONTERROSO HAD PRESENTED CREDENTIALS IN EGYPT.

3. GUATEMALA'S FORMER UN AMBASSADOR RAFAEK CASTILLO VALDEZ TOLD EMBOFF JULY 25 THAT EGYPT HAS DECIDED TO OPEN EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA CITY. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN SAN SALVADOR.

4. CASTILLO TOLD US THAT EGYPTIANS WERE OF COURSE SEEKING GUATEMALAN SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST. PRESS REPORTS OF DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS INDICATED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD SPENT GOOD DEAL OF TIME OUTLING EGYPTIAN POSITION REGARDING MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

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5. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDICATION YET WHETHER EGYPTIANS
RAISED ISSUE OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. EVEN IF
SUCH A QUESTZMF WERE RAISED, GUATEMALA WOULD PROBABLY NOT
BE RECEPTIVE ACCORDING TO CASTILLO. GUATEMALA IS PROUD
OF SELF-IMAGE AS COUNTRY INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATION OF
ISRAEL. GUATEMALA SPONSORED ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE RESOLU-
TION IN 1948 AND HAS SINCE THEN MAINTAINED GOOD RELATIONS.
(GOG ARRANGED SPECIAL FLIGHT TO MAYAN RUINS FOR VISITING
EGYPTIANS, BUT SECOND PLANE TOOK OFF TEN MINUTES LATER
WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND PARTY.)

6. GUATEMALA LIKELY TO BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO EGYPTIAN
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY.
MEWSPAPER REPORTS OF JULY 25 INTIMATED AS MUCH WHEN THEY
QUOTED GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS SAYING THAT TALKS WITH
EGYPTIANS COULD BE FAVORABLE "PARTICULARLY ON PETROLEUM
MATTERS." END COMMENT.
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